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RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

In response to the Office Action dated 10/04/02, kindly amend the application as follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION

Kindly amend the fourth paragraph of the Detailed Description Of the Preferred Embodiment as follows, consistent with the amendment to claim 10 previously entered:

The platform 12 and skirt 14 also include channels 38 opening on the platform perimeter 30 at lower perimeter portions 22 that extend along the skirt 14 to the skirt distal end 34. Run-off and debris from the platform is thus received in the channels and channeled to the bucket bottom outside of the skirt.

IN THE CLAIMS

Please cancel claim 8 and amend claims as indicated:

1. (Currently amended) A wash bucket screen for use in a water bucket having a bottom and walls or a single cylindrical or frustum-wall, comprising:
 - a planar platform with a plurality of holes therethrough arrayed throughout the platform generally, the platform slanting from a high platform perimeter portion to a lower platform perimeter portion causing debris to slide off the platform over the platform perimeter,
 - a skirt depending vertically from a platform perimeter at a skirt proximal end supporting the platform above a skirt distal end adapted to rest on a bucket bottom.
2. Canceled.
3. (Previously amended) The wash bucket screen of claim 1 wherein the platform skirt is adapted to extend to a bucket wall providing an effective splash shield between the screen and the bucket wall.
4. (Previously amended) The wash bucket screen of claim 1 further comprising a flange extending horizontally outward from the skirt.